

Annual Report of the Town Offices of **Dalton, New Hampshire**

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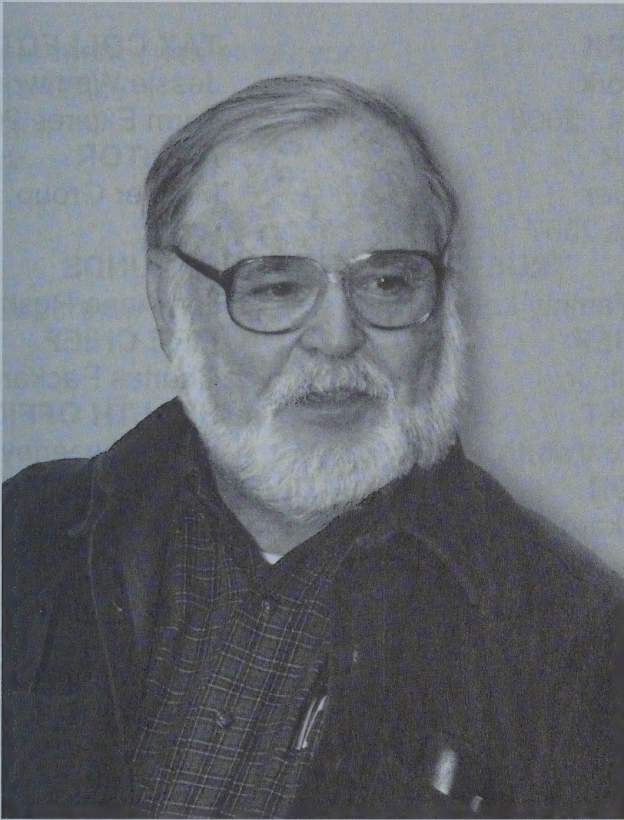
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For the year ending December 31, 2004

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CONCORD, NH



Richard "Dick" Rush

The Selectmen dedicate this year's town report to Dick Rush. Dick has worked many volunteer hours as Conservation Commissioner and as the Town's "Recycling Coordinator". He has helped with the Chase Bog Study and the implementation of the "Pay Per Bag Program". Dick and his wife, Anne, have relocated to Concord and will be missed by all.

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Brian Hardy	Term Expires 2007
Dean Sweeney	Term Expires 2006
Victor St.Cyr	Term Expires 2005

TOWN CLERK

Sandra B. York
Term Expires 2006

TREASURER

Sharon Tupper
Term Expires 2007

TAX COLLECTOR

Jessie Wentworth
Term Expires 2006

AUDITOR

Mercier Group

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Tammy Letson, Barbara Candar, Anne Rush

POLICE CHIEF

John E. Tholl, Jr.

ROAD AGENT

Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

MODERATOR

Charles Packard

FIRE CHIEF

Charles Packard

HEALTH OFFICER

Kevin Sweeney

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER

John E. Tholl, Jr.

LIBRARIAN

Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Nancy Comeau	Term Expires 2007
Jessie Wentworth	Term Expires 2006
Jean Abbott	Term Expires 2005

PLANNING BOARD

John Letson, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2006
Nancy McVetty	Appointment Expires 2007
William Howe	Appointment Expires 2006
Sandra York	Appointment Expires 2005
Dean Sweeney (ex-officio)	Appointment Expires 2006

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Doris Mitton	Term Expires 2010
Jessie Wentworth	Term Expires 2008
Sara Martineau	Term Expires 2006

PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officers, Kathy Barden	837-9402
Fire Department - non emergency	837-3100
Highway Garage	837-9821
Library	837-2751
Police Department - non emergency	837-2703
Selectmen's Office	837-2092
Tax Collector	837-9802
Town Clerk	837-2092
Fax Line	837-9642

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department	7 AM - 3:30 PM	Mon-Fri
Library	2 PM - 5 PM	Mon & Wed
	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Wed
	10 AM - 12 noon	Saturday
Police Department	5 PM - 8 PM	Monday
Selectmen's Office &	11 AM to 5:45 PM	Monday
Town Clerk	7 AM to 5 PM	Tues, Wed, Thur
Tax Collector	4 PM to 7 PM	Monday
	9 AM to 12 noon	Thursday
First Saturday of each month 10 AM to 12 noon		
Transfer Station	12 noon - 5 PM	Tuesday
	8 AM - 5 PM	Saturday

Selectmen meet every Monday (except holidays) at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

Planning Board meets the 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

DALTON TOWN WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the eighth day of March 2005, to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 8 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Dalton School Gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$582,251) for general Town operations.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectmen recommend this article.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund Account previously established for the purchase of a new cruiser. Selectmen recommend this article.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for work related in bringing the "Cross Rd" section of the Miller Rd to Class V specifications.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) for the purchase of an Amphibious Vehicle to be used for forest fires, water rescue, snow machine rescue, and lost person rescue, etc. The money to come from the Forestry Grant of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) and Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) from the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for this purpose. This money will not be expended unless the grant is acquired. Selectmen do not recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to repair the downstairs bathroom in the town building and do whatever repairs are necessary to make the front porch handicap accessible.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Pay Per Bag Replacement Expendable Trust Fund Account previously established for the repurchase of bags for the "Pay Per Bag" system. The source of these funds will be 25 cents from each bag sold. Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to help support The Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$695 to pay Dalton's share of the operating budget of the Mount Washington Regional Airport, of which Dalton is a member community along with Bethlehem, Littleton, Lancaster, Whitefield, Jefferson, Sugar Hill, Twin Mountain, No. Woodstock and Franconia. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Said funds to come from the sale of the 1975 International Support Unit. Taxes will not be raised for this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 215-A:7, II for all Class VI roads in said town of Dalton, N.H., and allow all Class VI Roads to be groomed and used for snowmobile traffic from December 15 through April 15 of each year. Petitioned article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) to complete the purchase and construction of a Support Vehicle to replace S1. Such sum to come from the Fire Department Major Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Taxes will not be raised for this appropriation. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,136 (One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Six Dollars) as the Town's contribution to White Mt. Mental Health and Developmental Services, a non-profit agency serving persons with mental health and developmental disabilities. Petitioned article. Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax exemption for veterans to \$500, the maximum allowed according to provisions of RSA 72:28. Petitioned article.

18. To see if the Town will vote to change the Conservation Commission's presently allocated 5% percent of the Current Use Land Change Tax monies annually received by the Town to 50% of the annual Current Use monies received by the Town. Petitioned article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of updating the utility valuation of the Dalton Hydro dam.
20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dean Sweeney
Brian Hardy
Victor St.Cyr

Budget for 2005

General Government	Appropriated 2004	Actual 2004	Estimated 2005
Executive	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 6,625.24	\$ 7,200.00
North Country Council	921.00	920.65	862.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals	400.00	400.00	500.00
Town Clerk	9,000.00	7,461.83	9,000.00
Voter Registration	2,000.00	1,314.32	500.00
Election	2,000.00	1,982.51	500.00
Financial Administration	65,000.00	62,466.14	65,000.00
Legal Expense	10,000.00	14,071.58	25,000.00
Social Security	12,000.00	11,292.54	12,500.00
Medicare	3,500.00	2,641.01	3,500.00
State Unemployment Tax	1,500.00	1,151.49	1,500.00
Workers' Compensation Fund	6,400.00	5,728.96	8,936.00
Employee Health Insurance	40,000.00	29,181.65	50,000.00
Planning & Zoning	1,500.00	1,332.12*	1,500.00
General Govt. Bldgs	10,000.00	9,616.62	11,000.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00	5,135.00	4,000.00

*Planning Board reimbursed \$1,026.83 for subdivision costs

Property-Liability Insurance

13,000.00 12,175.90 12,500.00

Public Safety

Police

28,560.00

24,673.46

29,800.00

Ambulance

5,380.00

5,380.00

5,380.00

Fire

25,400.00

23,602.62

24,400.00

Emergency Management

750.00

529.16

750.00

Forest Fire Control

500.00

205.00*

500.00

Highways & Streets

197,000.00 214,241.86 220,000.00

Street Lighting

1,000.00

842.60

1,000.00

Sanitation

9

Solid Waste

32,500.00

30,343.54

32,500.00

Solid Waste Cleanup

3,000.00

1,669.00

3,000.00

Sewage

12,000.00

11,420.38

12,000.00

Health

Health Administration

750.00

610.00

750.00

Health Agencies

4,227.00

4,227.00

4,227.00

Animal Control

1,000.00

4.05

500.00

*Forest Fire Control reimbursed - \$92.00 from State of NH

Welfare

Direct Assistance

2,000.00

853.82

2,000.00

Community Action Program	800.00	800.00	1,000.00
<i>Culture and Recreation</i>			
Parks & Recreation	500.00	139.40	500.00
Library	10,406.00	10,406.00	11,040.00
Patriotic Purposes	200.00	75.00	200.00
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	1,075.00	1,075.00	1,200.00
<i>Debt Service</i>			
Principal-Long Term Notes	19,500.00	19,491.76	10,104.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	2,400.00	2,386.51	1,402.00
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	5,000.00	---	5,000.00
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	1,000.00	---	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 543,369.00	\$ 526,473.72	\$ 582,251.00

2004 Under Budget by \$16,895.28			
Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accts. (2004 Warrant Articles: # 3, 4, 5, 6)	43,500.00		43,500.00
Other 2004 Warrant Articles:			
Welcome Signs # 14	1,200.00		2,026.46
"Pay Per Bag" Replacement Fund #9	2,500.00		2,500.00
Cross Rd #10 plus 2,500 from 2003 article #10	5,000.00		4,458.84
New Highway Dept Truck #7	15,000.00		11,689.51
New Highway Dept Truck #7 from Capital Reserve	50,000.00		50,000.00
Caleb Article #12	1,500.00		1,500.00
Mt Washington Regional Airport #13	695.00		695.00
Hospice of Littleton #17	575.00		575.00
Cushman Cemetery Repair #15	3,500.00		---

ASSESSMENTS

Executive	\$ 7,200.00
Other General Government	1,321.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	13,000.00
Financial Administration	65,000.00
Legal Expenses	10,000.00
Personnel Administration	23,400.00
Employee Health Insurance	40,000.00
Planning & Zoning	1,500.00
General Government Buildings	10,000.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00
Property/Liability Insurance	13,000.00
Police	28,560.00
Ambulance	5,380.00
Fire	25,400.00
Forest Fire Control	500.00
Emergency Management	750.00
Highway	197,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Solid Waste	32,500.00
Solid Waste Cleanup	3,000.00
Sewage	12,000.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	4,227.00
Health Administration	750.00
Animal Control	1,000.00
Direct Assistance	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00
Parks & Recreation	500.00
Library	10,406.00
Patriotic Purposes	200.00
Conservation Commission	1,075.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00
Principal - Long Term Debt	19,500.00
Interest - Long Term Debt	2,400.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$543,369.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Tax	\$ 12,000.00
Timber Yield Taxes	10,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	36,000.00
Other Taxes	8,750.00
Inventory Penalties	5,000.00
Excavation Tax	1,272.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000.00
Capital Reserve & Special Revenue Funds	52,500.00
Shared Revenue	7,638.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	32,516.00
Highway Block Grant	71,534.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	500.00
Railroad Tax	578.00
Income from Departments	1,800.00
Other Charges	20,000.00
Sale of Municipal Property	100.00
Interest on Investments	1,600.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	7,000.00
Fund Balance To Reduce Tax Rate	38,000.00
Voted From Surplus	15,000.00
Trust and Agency Funds	<u>3,200.00</u>

Total Revenues and Credits	\$457,988.00
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Net Town Appropriations	\$252,699.00
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	\$ 1,309,968.00
Residential Land	15,933,500.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	470,300.00
Residential Buildings	26,691,300.00
Manufactured Housing	4,038,900.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	741,600.00
Public Utilities	<u>4,617,923.00</u>

Total Valuation Before Exemptions **\$53,803,491.00**

Less Elderly Exemptions 258,800.00

Net Valuation **\$53,544,691.00**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	\$190,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	60,000.00
Police Department Equipment	50,000.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	125,000.00
Fire Station Building and Contents	175,000.00
Fire Department Vehicles	175,000.00
Town Highway Garage and Contents	198,900.00
Highway Department Vehicles	450,000.00
Transfer Station, Equipment and Contents	45,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,000.00
Pump Station and Contents	<u>134,000.00</u>

Total Town Property **\$1,620,900.00**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	\$ 667,339.00
Less Revenues	(457,988.00)
Less Shared Revenues	(7,179.00)
Add: Overlay	25,327.00
War Service Credits	25,200.00

Approved Town Effort **\$ 252,699.00**

Due to Regional School District	\$1,389,909.00
Less Adequate Education Grant	(513,337.00)
State Education Taxes	(189,150.00)

Approved School Effort **\$ 687,422.00**

State Education Taxes **\$ 189,150.00**

Due to County	\$ 250,180.00
Less Shared Revenue	(1,412.00)

Approved County Effort **\$ 248,768.00**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,378,039.00
Less War Service Credits	(25,200.00)

Total Property Tax Commitment **\$ 1,352,839.00**

Approved Tax Rate

\$26.07

Town - \$4.71 Local School - \$ 12.84 State School - \$3.87
County - \$4.65

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance General Checking Account - 01/01/2004	
	\$ 43,870.40
2004 Receipts	
Tax Collector	\$ 1,592,217.43
Town Clerk	142,081.25
Selectmen	<u>154,004.39</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 1,888,303.07
Transfers	(32,000.00)
Bank Interest Earned	70.43
Adjustments	546.94
2004 Payments - Order of Selectmen	(1,889,335.11)
Balance Checking Account 12/31/2004	\$ 11,455.73

Balance Laconia Trust Account -1/1/2004	\$ 319,633.49
Transfers	32,000.00
Bank Interest Earned	<u>2,649.12</u>
Balance Laconia Trust Account 12/31/2004	\$ 354,282.61

Sharon Tupper, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 1/1/2004	\$ 2,245.61
Deposits	4,521.25
Transfers	(1,196.25)
Payments	(4,762.70)
Interest Earned	<u>+ 2.44</u>
Balance 12/31/004	\$ 810.35

Dalton Conservation Commission Trust Account

Balance 1/1/2004	\$ 7,082.52
Transfers	196.25
Interest Earned	<u>+ 59.68</u>
Balance 12/31/2004	\$ 7,338.45

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

We continue to invest in cash management accounts as they keep our money safe no matter what the economy may do.

The following is the breakdown of the funds in our care:

CAPITAL RESERVES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 38,859.21
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	15,000.00
Interest on Investments	320.46
Funds Withdrawn by 2004 Warrant Article:	
Purchase and Maint of Support Unit	<u>35,278.47</u>
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>18,901.20</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 42,238.78
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	25,000.00
Interest on Investments	152.99
Funds Withdrawn:	
2004 Warrant Article 7	<u>50,000.30</u>
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>17,391.47</u>

SEWER PUMP RENOVATION & REPLACEMENT

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 13,777.71
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	92.17
Funds Withdrawn:	
Replacement of Pumps	<u>10,986.25</u>
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>3,883.63</u>

POLICE CRUISER

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 2,230.75
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	2,500.00
Interest on Investments	<u>26.81</u>
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>4,757.56</u>

GENERAL FUND TRUSTS

TRANSFER STATION REPAIR, REPLACEMENT & EQUIP (Formerly the Landfill Closure Fund)

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 34,435.06
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	299.14
Funds Withdrawn:	
Landfill Closure Costs	<u>1,396.85</u>
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>33,337.35</u>

PAY PER BAG REPLACEMENT FUND

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 6,200.13
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	2,500.00
Interest on Investments	<u>57.20</u>
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>8,757.33</u>

CEMETARY CARE AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 262.50
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	2.27
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to Offset the Care of Cemetery	<u>2.27</u>
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>262.50</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

Balance as of 01/01/2004	\$ 20,066.40
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	173.72
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to Offset the Care of Cemetery	<u>173.72</u>
12/31/2004 Balance	\$ <u>20,066.40</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy York-Letson, Bookkeeper, Trustee of Trust Funds

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

2004 Permits Issued	\$ 138,771.75	
		\$ 138,771.75

Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:

Licenses	\$ 2,008.50
Penalties	900.00
Filing Fees	6.00
Vital Statistics	<u>395.00</u>
	\$ 3,309.50

TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 142,081.25
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 138,771.75
Dog Licenses and Penalties	2,908.50
Filing Fees	6.00
Vital Statistics	<u>395.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 142,081.25
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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 2004	1,451
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Respectfully submitted,
Sandra York, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

BEG. OF YEAR	2004	2003
Property		264,944.65
Land Use Change		5,770.00
Yield		1,871.33
Sewer		1,445.00
Penalties		3,150.00

TAXES COMMITTED

Property	1,356,817.00
Land Use Change	21,804.50
Yield	12,751.66
Excavation	1,661.90
Sewer	8,840.00
Penalties	7,200.00

OVERPAYMENTS

Property	62.18	9.21
Land Use Change	.41	
Interest-Late Tax	1,756.91	18,953.06

TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 1,410,894.56	\$ 296,143.25
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REMITTED TO TREASURER:

	2004	2003
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Property	1,125,767.71	100,356.42
Land Use Change	12,834.91	3,750.00
Yield	11,733.69	1,871.33
Interest	1,756.91	9,999.68
Penalties	4,100.00	2,000.00
Excavation	1,272.20	0
Sewer	6,715.00	595.00
Conversion to Lien		177,495.38

ABATEMENTS

Property	3,129.00	25.44
Land Use Change	5,950.00	
Excavation	63.50	
Penalties		50.00

UNCOLLECTED

Property	227,982.47
Land Use Change	3,020.00
Yield	1,017.97
Excavation	326.20
Sewer	2,125.00
Penalties	3,100.00

TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,410,894.56	\$ 296,143.25
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SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED

As of December 31, 2004

DEBITS

	2003	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed taxes as of Jan. 1, 2004		\$ 51,484.51
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 177,495.38	
Interest Collected After Lien	<u>11,639.13</u>	<u>9,697.76</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 189,134.51	\$ 61,182.27

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 79,583.90	\$ 31,048.41
Interest & Costs After Lien	11,639.13	9,697.76
Abatements	8,735.73	
Excess (Debits) Credits	(4.91)	
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed at Close of Year	<u>89,180.66</u>	<u>20,436.10</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 189,134.51	\$ 61,182.27

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 71,534.14
Revenue Sharing	16,229.00
Railroad Tax	578.05
Rooms & Meals	32,515.95
Forest Fire Reimbursement	92.00
Forest Lands	<u>500.12</u>
TOTAL	\$ 121,449.26

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	\$ 175.99
Donations	100.00
Sale of Town Property	80.00
Income from Departments	2,620.83
Copy Money	697.45
Refuse Charges	4,523.50
Sale of Garbage Bags	16,745.00
Dividends & Reimbursements	7,227.25
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>385.11</u>
Total	32,555.13
Grand Total	\$ 154,004.39

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive

Board of Selectmen	4,500.00
Printing & Public Notices	1,306.75
Dues	564.00
Miscellaneous	<u>254.49</u>

Total Executive **\$ 6,625.24**

Other General Government

Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, Senior Meals	400.00
North Country Council	920.65
Hospice of Littleton	575.00
Mount Washington Regional Airport	695.00
Caleb - Warrant Article #18	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total Other General Government **\$ 4,090.65**

Property-Liability Insurance **\$ 12,175.90**

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Fees	3,439.00
Town Clerk Salary	1,000.00
Department of Agriculture	623.00
Office Expenses	613.76
Deputy Town Clerk	1,450.07
Dues	20.00
Payments to State Vital Records	<u>316.00</u>

Total Town Clerk **\$ 7,461.83**

Voter Registration

Supervisors' Salaries	805.00
Supplies & Postage	82.32
Voter Registration Misc.	319.00
Public Notices	<u>108.00</u>

Total Voter Registration **\$ 1,314.32**

Election

Election Workers	1,370.25
Election Misc.	348.26
Meals	<u>264.00</u>

Total Election **\$ 1,982.51**

Financial Administration

Administrative Assistant Salary	23,169.04
Tax Collector Fees	3,606.00
Tax Collector Salary	4,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	430.25
Auditor	4,750.00
Treasurer	4,200.00
Deputy Treasurer	64.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	500.00
Assessor	10,200.00
Dues	40.00
Registry Fees	436.41
Maintenance & Repairs	1,392.69
Office Supplies	4,276.65
Postage	2,794.72
Mapping	1,437.50
Financial Administration Misc.	704.08
RSA's	<u>464.80</u>

Total Financial Administration **\$ 62,466.14**

Legal Expenses **\$ 14,071.58**

Personnel Administration

Social Security	11,292.54
State Unemployment Tax	1,151.49
Workers Compensation Fund	5,728.96
Health Insurance	29,181.65
Medicare	<u>2,641.01</u>

Total Personnel Administration **\$ 49,995.65**

Planning & Zoning

Public Notices	234.00
Postage	137.12
Recording Fees	236.00
Secretary Salary	500.00
Miscellaneous	225.00
Master Plan	<u>52.48</u>

Total Planning & Zoning **\$ 1,384.60**

General Government Buildings

Telephone	2,055.82
Heat	2,028.16
Electric	1,668.47
Custodian	1,740.00
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>2,124.17</u>

Total General Government Buildings **\$ 9,616.62**

Total Cemeteries **\$ 5,135.00**

Police Department

Chief's Salary	12,000.00
Equipment	490.88
Specials Pay	5,516.80
Fuel	1,222.13
Telephone	1,278.36
Dues, Conventions	425.00
Equipment Maintenance	519.83
Reference Material	919.12
Office Expenses	1,479.62
Training	53.53
Uniforms	384.85
Vehicle Expense	<u>383.34</u>

Total Police Department **\$ 24,673.46**

Ambulances **\$ 5,380.00**

Emergency Management	\$ 529.16
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Fire Department

Building Maintenance	108.95
Maintenance, Refills & Repairs	5,447.58
Telephone	397.98
Tools & Equipment	126.22
New Equipment	6,414.66
Heat	2,072.06
Electric	731.69
Chief's Salary	500.00
Salaries	5,730.00
Secretary	200.00
Dues	350.00
Gas & Diesel	679.87
Supplies	<u>843.61</u>

Total Fire Department	\$ 23,602.62
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Forest Fire Control	\$ 205.00
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Welcome Signs	\$ 2,026.46
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Highway

Administration

Highway Salaries	98,434.02
Building Maintenance & Repairs	3,479.84
Uniforms	600.00
Electric	1,084.50
Telephone	547.72
Office Supplies	1,298.85
Shop Supplies	6,292.03
Dues	<u>100.00</u>
Sub Total Administration	\$ 111,836.96

Paving & Reconstruction

Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	21,020.32
Maintenance & Supplies	4,189.40
Asphalt, Gravel, Dust Control	50,912.54
Gas/Diesel	<u>13,177.14</u>
Sub Total Paving & Reconstruction	\$ 89,299.40

Snow & Ice Control \$ 13,105.50

Total Highway \$ 214,241.86

Unreserved Fund Balance

New Ford F550 \$ 11,689.51

Insurance Repair - Mack Truck \$ 6,974.63

Cross Road \$ 4,458.84

Street Lighting \$ 842.60

Solid Waste

Disposal Fees	17,569.91
Martin's Food Basket (blue bags)	300.00
Supplies	213.34
Utilities	633.31
Maintenance & Repairs	306.98
Training	100.00
Well Testing	1,669.00
Salaries	<u>11,220.40</u>
Sub Total	32,012.94

Pay Per Bag Replacement Fund 2,500.00

Total Solid Waste \$ 34,512.94

Sewage Disposal

Superintendent Salary	2,127.50
Payments to Lunenburg	7,360.00
Utilities	1,747.84
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>185.04</u>
Total Sewage Disposal	\$ 11,420.38

Health Administration

Dues	10.00
Salaries	<u>600.00</u>
Total Health Administration	\$ 610.00

Health Agencies **\$ 4,227.00****Animal Control** **\$ 4.05****Welfare**

Direct Assistance	853.82
Community Action Program	<u>800.00</u>
Total Welfare	\$ 1,653.82

Culture & Recreation

Library	10,406.00
Parks & Recreation	139.40
Patriotic Purposes	<u>75.00</u>
Total Culture & Recreation	\$ 10,620.40

Conservation Commission

Annual Appropriation	1,075.00
5% Current Use	<u>876.25</u>
Total Conservation Commission	\$ 1,951.25

Principal-Long Term Debt

Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	10,000.00
Caterpillar Financial	8,922.47
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>569.29</u>

Total Principal **\$ 19,491.76**

Interest-Long Term Debt

State St. Bank/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	373.50
Caterpillar Financial	1,215.30
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>797.71</u>

Total Interest **\$ 2,386.51**

Refunds **\$ 1,336.44**

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accounts

Payment to Highway Department Capital Reserve Account	25,000.00
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Payment to Fire Department Capital Reserve Account	15,000.00
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Payment to Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Account	2,500.00
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Payment to Sewer Pump Renovation & Replacement Capital Reserve Account	<u>1,000.00</u>
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Total Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds **\$ 43,500.00**

Taxes Paid to County **\$ 250,180.00**

Taxes Paid to School **\$ 859,001.00**

Tax Lien **\$ 177,495.38**

2004 Payments-Order of Selectmen **\$ 1,889,335.11**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Calendar year 2004 began with the town descending into grief. On a brutally cold night a mobile home fire took the lives of Greg Shepard and sons Zachary and Jesse. Their mother, Lorena, suffered grievous burns. A third child, Maria, escaped the blaze without serious injury. After numerous surgeries and months of hospitalization and therapy, Lorena has been re-united with her daughter in Maine.

The Selectboard responded to the tragedy by appointing an 11 person *ad hoc* committee headed by Kathy Edney. After meeting for several weeks, the committee recommended that smoke detectors be made available to every home in Dalton, and further recommended that an outreach program be implemented to assist elderly homeowners and others in need.

A generous donation from Wal-Mart in Littleton provided funds for smoke detectors and a number of devices were distributed and/or installed in Dalton homes thanks to the Dalton Fire Department and the Dalton Auxiliary.

The Shepard fire prompted a call for increased fire safety awareness and proper wood stove installations. Fire Chief Charlie Packard has conducted fire safety inspections of places of assembly, but more needs to be done. Families can contact the town offices, 837-2092, for free, installed detectors and fire safety inspections.

A highlight of 2004 was the re-opening of the Gilman paper mill thanks in part to a \$500,000 federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) approved by the Selectboard. The block grant matched by the State of Vermont, gave new mill operator, Dirigo Paper, a necessary infusion of cash to get the idle mill up and running. More than 80 people are currently employed and plans call for an additional fourth shift to keep up with demand. The federal grant was a first for the town and did not involve the expenditure of any town funds.

A change in state law that local officials lobbied for, relieved the town of a more than \$300,000 obligation to cap the town's landfill. We are required to continue monitoring landfill groundwater, but apart from road salt concentrations, significant groundwater contamination has never been detected.

Residents will note that the current budget has relatively large increases in two areas: legal expenses and the highway department. The town is involved in two court cases regarding plans to upgrade Miller, also known as the Cross (Over) Road, and our assessment of the hydro-electric dam owned by Dalton Hydro on the Connecticut River at the Gilman mill. The Selectboard is prepared to mount a vigorous defense in both cases.

For several years, the highway department has been underfunded and understaffed due to an on-the-job injury and the deployment of a worker to Iraq. Despite manpower shortages, the highway department continues to do an excellent job. We believe that the proposed budget recommendation is more realistic given tasks facing the Department.

Department head spending will be more closely scrutinized this year with the Selectboard insisting that all outlays over \$500 receive prior Board approval. Departments have been re-advised in writing of the oversight policies.

The year 2004 saw the passing of a number of Dalton residents including Leonard Carbonneau, who held the Boston Post card. Leonard was a husband, father, veteran and former Dalton school board member.

As noted in this year's report, we have honored Dick Rush for his years of service to the town as recycling coordinator and as a member and chairman of the Conservation Commission. He and his wife, Anne, relocated to Concord, NH.

The Board invites residents to participate in local government by volunteering for town boards and other positions. Currently, there is a vacancy on the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Commission and associate members are always welcome on the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission.

Selectboard meetings are Monday nights at 6 PM at the town building, except for holidays. These business meetings are open to the public without appointments.

Dean Sweeney
Brian Hardy
Victor St.Cyr

THE MERCIER GROUP
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF
REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Dalton for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

The Mercier Group

2004 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission completed its study of the approximate 2200 acre Chase Bog Wetland Complex this past year. The comprehensive study was conducted by the Bethlehem firm of *Watershed to Wildlife*. It was made possible through the commission's award of grant monies received from the State of New Hampshire's Moose Plate Grants in the amount of \$4,650. As stated in the final report, "Goals of this study were to evaluate the uniqueness of this wetland complex by assessing functional values and to suggest ways to retain this functional value into the future." The purpose of the study is to help guide the Town of Dalton when making planning decisions which involve areas of this unique, valuable and diverse natural resource. Hard copy and digital copies of the Chase Bog report are in the Town Library.

The Town's Natural Resource Inventory (NRI), also being conducted by *Watershed to Wildlife*, will be completed and presented to the public in 2005 by way of two advertised informational meetings. This state mandated inventory is being funded by "Current Use" penalty monies received by the commission throughout the past years. The NRI is intended to be a useful tool to assist the townspeople in retaining the natural assets that are unique to Dalton while planning our Town's future.

The Town Library and the Commission have partnered to make conservation reference materials and State wetland regulation information available in the Library. Arcview 3.3 GIS mapping software has been installed on the Library computer to enable the public to view both hard copy and digital data collected by the Commission.

The Commission would like to thank Irene Valliere for her service to the Town. Irene resigned from the Commission in 2004.

Former Commission Chairman Richard "Dick" Rush and his wife Anne relocated to Concord this fall. We can not begin to express our appreciation and respect for Dick's time, energy, dedication, commitment, initiative and positive approach to leading this Commission through all its past endeavors and into its present accomplishments. We thank you, Dick, and wish you and Ann all the best.

Present Commission members are Helen Delage, Rebecca McVetty, and Nancy Comeau. Dick Rush remains as an alternate member. The Commission can consist of as many as five members with two alternate members. Anyone interested in the process of becoming a member can contact the Commission through the Town Office.

2004 Conservation Commission Budgeted Expenses

Annual town dues to Northeast Recovery (NRRRA) consortium	50.00
Annual town dues to NH Association of Conservation Commissions	175.00
Ads published in Salmon Press newspapers	104.50
Printing of 40 copies/2 laminated wall maps of Chase Bog Study	364.40
NH Association of Conservation Commissions conference	60.00
Postage/supplies	39.23
TOTAL	793.13

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Comeau, Acting Chair

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Dalton Fire Department responded to 16 calls during 2004. These calls consisted of numerous automobile accidents, alarm activations, chimney fires, and structure fires, etc. 2004 was a particularly bad year. We had two major structure fires locally and three major structure fires that we assisted through the Mutual Aid System. Also Mutual Aid, we assisted Littleton with a forest fire, Lunenburg with a mill fire, and Guildhall with a search and rescue. Unfortunately, this year was an extremely stressful year on personnel and finances because of the tragedy earlier this year in February, with the loss of three lives. In the wake of this tragedy, the Dalton Auxiliary and the Fire Dept. launched a Smoke Detector Program of which we were donated 300 detectors to distribute in our community. Several have been given out and installed but there are many more to go and we will be continuing the program this year.

We had one change in officers this year. Richard Abbott moved away and Brett Hucksoll was appointed Lieutenant in his place. We had several new people join the Department this year and we encourage anyone who wants to become a member to step forward. We would love to have you.

We have worked diligently in building our new support unit this year. Although it is not yet completed, we look forward to having it in service in 2005, for it will be a terrific asset to both the Department and the Town.

During 2005, we will continue to look for new and younger people to join the Department to assist us in our needs. We look to seeing our new support unit completed, and we look forward to possibly doing some much needed cosmetic work to the Fire Station, voluntarily.

We hope that 2005 is a much less stressful year. Although we will not be fire free, I'm sure, I hope the fires will be small in nature and that we can avoid the loss of life that we suffered in 2004.

I'd like to thank all the men and women of the Department and of the Mutual Aid System for a job well done, as well as the Town's people for their support of the Fire Department. I hope our relationships can continue.

Charles J. Packard
Dalton Fire Chief

2004 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The highway department has experienced a turnover in employees over the past few years. We anxiously await the return of Trevor Bates who left in 2003 to go to Iraq. It is his hope, and ours, that he may be back in February or March of 2005. Our prayers have been with Trevor and his family as we await his safe return. The help we have had in the meantime is greatly appreciated, as well as the patience of our townspeople as the routes and routines of the highway department have been learned.

Having acquired a second one ton, with a wing like the larger trucks, has been a great asset for the town.

The calls coming in to inform us of problems with the roads are a tremendous help and always appreciated. Never hesitate to call. We check the answering machine regularly and will return your call, or investigate the problem in as timely a manner as the circumstance permit.

The highway crew works closely with the transfer station and would like to commend Reg Rodger for doing a fine job running the transfer station. Many people have expressed their appreciation for being able to purchase, by check, trash bags, and also the tickets to drop off items, from Reg. Dick Rush moved from our fine town in 2004 and will be greatly missed. His tireless work with the transfer station and relentless attention to detail were qualities difficult to replace.

We look forward to a safe and productive year in 2005. Keep those calls coming to 837-9821.



Respectfully Submitted,
Robert C. Wentworth Jr, Road Agent

DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 2004

Beginning balance - Jan 1, 2004

Children's programs & services fund CD	\$ 10,000.00
Savings acct.-reference fund	514.55
Checking account	<u>3,981.44</u>
	\$ 14,495.99

Receipts:

Town of Dalton-appropriation	\$ 10,406.00
Fees & Fines	53.20
Donations	53.30
Book Sale	181.50
Interest on savings account	1.31
Interest on ChP&S fund CD	<u>120.19</u>
	\$ 10,815.50

Expenditures:

Salary	\$ 6,240.00
Administrative expense	669.36
Education & conference	300.00
Association dues	85.00
Telephone expense	1,261.41
Internet access	280.60
Software renewal fee	399.00
Supplies	280.01
Copier Maintenance	39.95
Children's programs	119.62
Books and materials	<u>970.16</u>
Reference	369.86
Audio	61.06
Periodical	19.95
Books	519.29
	\$ 10,645.11

Ending balance - Dec. 31, 2004 **\$ 14,666.38**

Breakdown of ending balance:

Children's P&S CD	\$ 10,000.00
Savings account - reference	515.86
Checking account	3,958.52
Undeposited funds	<u>192.00</u>
	\$ 14,666.38

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

LIBRARIAN REPORT

2004

CIRCULATION:

Adult Materials	1,207
Children's Materials	1,019
Magazines, Videos, etc.	<u>133</u>

TOTAL CIRCULATION: 2,359

New Borrowers	22
Regular Hours Open	480
Volunteer Hours-Open	173

ACCESSIONS:

Adult materials	72
Children's materials	171
Reference materials	46
Video / Audio	24
Periodicals	<u>14</u>

TOTAL ACCESSIONS: 327

The annual Mud Run was held in April with the help of many volunteers from the Friends of the Library. Proceeds from the race helped to purchase book for the library. Plans are underway for the 2005 race and once again volunteers are needed, if you would like to help, just stop by the library during open hours.

The CLIF (Children's Literacy Foundation) provided the library with over \$1200 in books for children and young adults. The Dalton School children came to the library for the presentation in June. The Friends of the Library provided the matching funds needed for the Grant. Money raised at the annual Mud Run was used for their contribution.

The winter reading program WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK was held during February. Children enjoyed stories, crafts and learning about winter animals. A program was presented by Nancy Comeau on animal tracks and identification in the winter. The summer reading program for 2004 was entitled GET THE SCOOP AT THE LIBRARY. The children learned about ice cream and ice cream making. There were stories and activities on learning the reference and information centers within the library. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped with the program this year.

The library held a book sale in August; participated in the annual Silver Tea in November and held craft day for children in December. The Memory Tree was once again co-sponsored by the Ladies' Aid and the Friends of the Library. Their contributions and recognition has been great for the library.

Thanks are extended to all who helped with the many activities this year. The support and encouragement of the community has been outstanding. We wish to thank all our friends for their donated books, magazines, gifts and time to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Mitton, Librarian

Trustees
JEAN ABBOTT
NANCY COMEAU
JESSIE WENTWORTH

PLANNING BOARD

While the Planning Board did not have as many hearings in 2004 as in 2003 we still had a busy year. There were seven public hearings for subdivisions, lot line adjustments and a junk yard permit that resulted in 6 approvals and one denial. In addition to the hearings, there were ten other proposals brought to the Board which as of yet have not resulted in approved plans.

Again this year we lost a long time member. Linda Cloutier stepped down from her position as full board member. Linda has served the Board in many capacities over her time on the board. The Board thanks Linda for her many years of dedicated service. Nancy McVetty agreed to fill Linda's position. We are still looking for two people to fill the alternate positions.

The Board continues on education. We took advantage of seminars held by North Country Council as well as Law Lecture series held by the Local Government Center. We wish to continue updating our knowledge each year.

The Board continues to work on the master plan. We have held joint meetings with departments in Town as to what best suits their needs while continuing to refer to the results of the town survey. We are always looking for any person interested in volunteering to help, in any capacity, in the updating of the Master Plan.

If you wish to inquire about joining the Planning Board or Master Plan Committee, you can contact of the Planning Board members, inquire at the Town Office, or attend a regular meeting. The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday night of each month at 7 pm in the Town Hall and the public is always welcome.

John Letson
Planning Board Chairman

2004 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT TOWN OF DALTON

2004 showed a decrease in Police response over 2003. Accidents and Criminal Investigations were down slightly.

Intimidation	3	Bad Checks/Fraud	1
Burglary	3	Vandalism	4
Theft	6	Dogs Running	6
Stolen vehicle	3	Trespass	3
Unlawful Cut/Taking Forest Prod.	1	DWI	1
All Others	7	Field Interviews	25*
Traffic, Courts/Warnings	44		

Incidents were down, 27/31, a decrease of 13%. Accidents were down, 11/23, a decrease of 53%. There were 5 full custody arrests in 2004 compared to 2 in 2003 for an increase of 60%.

The Emergency Generator for the Town Hall became operational in the spring of 2004.

Please remember, if there is an Emergency use 911. During business hours for non-emergency reasons you can call 837-2703 or Dispatch 846-3333 (Troop F). Please don't hesitate to call the Dalton Police Department for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Tholl Jr.
Chief of Police

* Non Criminal requests for service

2004 Report for the Transfer Station and Recycling

By now ALL Dalton residents should have 2005 "Dump Stickers" affixed to their windshields. No sticker? No admittance to the Transfer Station! Stickers are available from the Town Clerk and at the Transfer Station. (Bring your vehicle's registration with you)

Recycled: NOT hauled to the landfill: (in full Gaylord bins unless otherwise noted)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Newspaper	32	33	35
Mixed Paper	61	52	59
Glossy Magazines	12	9	12
#1 Plastic	61	61	29
#2 Plastic	51	39	40
Milk Jugs	63	55	52
Aluminum Cans	1	24	23.5
Glass (measured in <u>tons</u>)	22	20.8	10.4
Galv. Metal cans (in tons)	2.5	2	1.5
Corrug. Cardboard (tons)	6.7	10.8	14.2

2004 the tonnage taken to Bethlehem was 140.21 from the dumpster and 31.99 tons in construction debris.

2003 the tonnage taken to Bethlehem was 144.29 from the dumpster and 35.06 tons of construction debris.

Blue bags sold in 2004 brought in \$17,045. The 2003 total was \$17,125.

Construction debris income for 2004 totaled \$3,983.50, Construction debris income for 2003 was \$2,338.50.

Aluminum cans brought it \$540.00 in 2004 as compared to \$677.10 in 2003.

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th year as one of your public servants here in District One.

The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many board and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me anytime. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.

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The Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

The Caleb Group, a not-for profit organization, which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern NH communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and fostering of caring communities.

The year 2004 was an exciting time for Caleb, a time of change, a very busy year. At the beginning of the year, The Caleb Group spun off from its parent organization, The Caleb Foundation of Swampscott, Massachusetts and became its own stand alone not-for-profit. The name changed from The Caleb Group to Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, or as we are now known The Caleb Caregivers. During the last few months of 2004, many wonderful volunteers helped renovate office space in the Astle Building, located across from the Common in Whitefield. On January 12, 2005, Caleb officially moved from the Highland House Apartments to its new office in the Astle Building. Caleb Caregivers is hoping that with this move, the organization will be more visible to the public. Caleb will be holding an Open House/Annual Meeting on March 22, 2005 from 7:00-9:00 pm. We hope you can join us.

In 2004, Caleb Caregivers assisted more than 270 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Caleb's 100 active volunteers donated over 3,800 hours and drove over 30,000 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments, and for running errands, is one of the most requested services. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This State program is available, every other month, to NH seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to

elders, who are totally homebound. Caleb Caregivers is still working in conjunction with Shaw's of Littleton. Shaw's provides the day old bread and Caleb volunteers deliver it to seniors in the various communities. Caleb continues to work with The Above the Notch Humane Society of Littleton, and Companion Animal Care of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, regarding Caleb's Pet Food Project. Since this project began, Caleb has given out over 3 tons of **FREE** pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Last but not least, Caleb still provides training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Dalton for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The \$1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2005.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Board of Directors. We are looking for a Dalton resident to join our Board of Directors. If you are interested, and would like more information this matter, please give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Gaudes, Executive Director

Board of Directors

Carl Rod, President- Jefferson
Myra Emerson, Treasurer-Lancaster
David Glover, Clerk-Whitefield
Eleanor Brauns-Twin Mountain
Rev. Cliff Vendt-Whitefield

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER REPORT

The Senior Center, independently run, is located on Riverside Avenue, in Gilman, Vermont.

Our kitchen served 8,856 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes homebound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Homebound meals are delivered by volunteers, with their vehicles. The Area Agency on Aging gives them a mileage reimbursement. An advocate from the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, located in St. Johnsbury, is available to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, Social Security, and Medicaid/Medicare. Volunteers are available to help with tax rebates, and companionship. Information about these programs is available by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119.

The Center sponsors many events that are open to the public. On the last Friday of the month after lunch Pokeno is played.

The fourth Thursday of each month is "Bookmarks" at the Alden Balch Library in Lunenburg. Programs, books and refreshments on special occasions are available through this program.

Also available is the Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) which is for people 60 years old or older. This is delivered in the parking lot the 4th Thursday of the month. For information please call the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119 or the Food Bank for an application at 1-800-241-4648.

Our famous "Boutique" is open Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm or by appointment. Clothing donations are gratefully accepted and all sales are on a donation basis.

Continued community support for the center will go a long way to help keep services for the elderly available, where and when it is needed. For more information call (802) 892-6616.

Edward Wheelock, Chairman of the Board of Directors

MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT 2004 Annual Report to Towns

The Mount Washington Regional Airport has operated since the middle of the last century as a resource for business and recreational fliers. The airport is continuing to generate more traffic, thanks to its convenient location in a growing region of the state, strong volunteer efforts to build the operation and run the facility, and an increased interest in general aviation, both locally and throughout the country. Growth is being driven as well, by contributions from communities in the area, support from state and federal officials, and approval by Whitefield voters to back a major expansion and safety enhancement program,

Thanks to this regional support, coupled with work done by the airport volunteers and our engineering consultant, the airport will embark on a 600-plus-foot runway extension and safety improvement project in 2005. Design work is underway, and construction should be completed by fall. Ninety-five percent of costs for this \$2.7 million project are funded by a grant the airport successfully sought and received from the Federal Aviation Administration. Money comes not from general tax dollars, but from fees paid by commercial aviation users as they fly throughout the country. The remaining costs are split evenly between New Hampshire's Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division and the sponsoring organization. Voters in the Town of Whitefield generously voted in 2004 to fund the nearly \$70,000 local share of the project, in recognition, I believe, of the strength a viable airport can bring to the region.

The expansion project will offer much-anticipated exposure to the airport among business fliers and charter operators, as it will extend the runway to more than 4,000 feet, a threshold considered by these users as they decide where to fly. At the same time, the extension increases safety at the airport by providing a longer takeoff and landing surface, which insurance companies consider as they assess the risks to airplane owners wishing to base planes at an airport. This will allow more business-oriented aircraft to be based in the North Country, which in turn should increase traffic and generate greater revenues locally.

2004 saw major capital improvement projects at the airport, with the construction of a brand new, 6,400 square foot, heated hanger and the expansion of another hangar owned by an aircraft maintenance and repair facility on the property - all at no cost to the airport itself. Discussions are underway for construction of a least one more hangar - and perhaps more - over the next year or so. Given the location, it is important to fliers - both those based here and those visiting - to have a shelter from the elements. For this reason, we intend to pursue further hangar development as we are able.

Fuel sales were up markedly in 2004, compared to 2003. This resulted from increased traffic by pilots and businesses based in the North Country, as well as more visits by those from other areas. The frequency of private charter flights seem to be on the rise, bringing tourists, business people, developers, buyers and other visitors to the region.

Also, the airport purchased a used courtesy vehicle in the fall, which we make available by appointment to visiting pilots. We know local restaurants and other businesses already have hosted travelers who arrived at their locations in our airport minivan...and we expect many more to do so in the future. We also received generous donations from local business people of a new airport sign that greets arriving pilots and an industrial fire extinguishing system, which we hope we will never have to use.

The airport is always looking for ways it can work to better serve residents and businesses in the area. We also welcome contributions of time or other resources from those who are so inclined. If you have comments, questions or good ideas, or if you'd like to get involved with the airport as a volunteer, please call 837-9532. We'll be sure to get back to you promptly.

David Willis, Chairman

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2004

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our 31st year as a Planning Commission, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year we have expanded our capabilities based in response to our communities needs. We have added additional capacity in grant writing and grant administration by the addition of an assistant planner and we continue to expand the capabilities of the staff by encouraging all of them to continue their education and training. Three of our planners recently received their ACIP certification. We continue to work in the areas of community planning, solid waste management, forest planning, resource planning, transportation planning, and others. If you would like to see our complete annual report you can go to www.nccouncil.org or you can request a hard copy from North Country Council. I hope you will take the time to look it over and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

In the coming year we will intend to continue to improve our capabilities and service in our core areas and have taken on some projects that will continue these goals. We have been awarded a "Brownfield's Assessment" grant from EPA which we began working on in late 2004. This grant will inventory and assess petroleum contamination sites throughout the region which will allow the communities in which these sites are located to understand costs of mitigating the contamination and potentially procure funding for them. We completed the regional housing needs assessment update at the end of 2004 and in the coming year will continue to work on updating our regional plan. 2005 will be another busy year.

I would like to thank you for all of your support for the Council and hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Michael J. King, Executive Director

**RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE
2004 ANNUAL REPORT
CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS**

This year the Riverbed Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan* with a close look at a variety of recreation-related issues in our region, especially the need for more access for small boats. We helped stimulate a state study of water quality in the Connecticut River after discovering gaps in information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing and boating.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, including advice to the State of New Hampshire on development in the Lancaster Industrial Park and improvements to the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge and Monroe-Barnet Bridge. We also raised concerns about the portage around the breached Wyoming Dam that led to a CRJC grant to ensure a safe portage trail with fencing and signage.

We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the statewide Shoreland Protection Act applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

Dalton is currently represented by Michael & Nancy Crosby on the Subcommittee. Citizens interested in representing the town should contact the select board. The Riverbed Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the fourth Thursday evening of every other month, usually at the Littleton Community House. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

WEEKS HOME HEALTH SERVICE 2004 REPORT

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Dalton and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Dalton residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified home health aids; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care...focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, 20 hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

Regional and Town Services - A Summary

	Skilled Nursing	Rehab Services	Home Hlth Aide	Home- makers	Visits & Units
Regional services by WMC - Home Health	7002	1250	7135	23278	38665
Services to the Town Dalton	169	66	43	183	461

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan 22	Deklan Dean	Sweeney, Mitchell	Sweeney, Angela	Littleton, NH
Feb 28	Hayden Cooper	Ingerson, Douglas	Ingerson, Amy	Littleton, NH
Jun 16	Mackenzie-Rose Mora	Uribe, Armando	Beaudoin, Christina-Rose	Littleton, NH
Jun 25	Courtney Lynn	Leno, Charles	Leno, Heidi	Littleton, NH
Oct 14	Iris Sofia	Wood, David	Tupaj, Theresa	Littleton, NH
Oct 21	Alyiah Lynn	Laleme, Scott	Moore Crystal	Littleton, NH
Nov 01	Ebony Rae	Bragdon, Alfred	Crawford, Christina	Lancaster, NH
Nov 27	Samuel Allan	Bean, John	Bean, Kara	Lebanon, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
May 29	Russell, Eric	Dalton, NH	Platt, Maureen	Dalton, NH
Jun 26	Santos, Steven	Dalton, NH	LaRoche, Karen	Dalton, NH
Aug 14	Lackie, Michael	Dalton, NH	Hill, Heather	Dalton, NH
Aug 30	Harrington, Charles	Dalton, NH	DeCell, Dawn	Dalton, NH
Sep 04	Ingerson, Theodore	Dalton, NH	Spalty, Lyubov	Dalton, NH
Sep 25	Smith, Bryant	Dalton, NH	Ward, Crystal	Dalton, NH
Oct 23	Edwards Sr, Ray Earl	Dalton, NH	Anderson, Tammy	Dalton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER (MAIDEN)
Feb 17	Shepard, Zachary	Dalton, NH	Shepard, Gregory	Jewel, Lorena
Feb 17	Shepard, Jesse	Dalton, NH	Shepard, Gregory	Christiansen, Amy
Feb 17	Shepard, Gregory	Dalton, NH	Shepard, Gregory	LaCroix, Susan
Apr 10	Brooks, Barbara	Lebanon, NH	Brooks, Jerry	Crane, Stella
May 01	Carbonneau, Leonard	Franconia, NH	Carbonneau, Oswald	Audibert, Mary
Aug 25	Golden, Albert	Littleton, NH	Golden, Charles	Morse, Helen
Aug 26	Landry, Phillip	Concord, NH	Landry, Joseph	Pelotte, Rose
Oct 20	Bagshaw, William	Dalton, NH	Bagshaw, William	Coughlin, Margaret
Nov 27	Bean, Samuel	Lebanon, NH	Bean, John	Bresnahan, Kara
Dec 06	Carter, Clifford	Lancaster, NH	Carter, Levi	Ward, Ruth
Dec 27	Cassady, Helen	Littleton, NH	Wessels, Leonard	Baines, Martha

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Sprucing up the Dalton Church



The Ladd Cemetery in Dalton



Drawing Tickets for the Raffle to Benefit the Shepard Fund



Dalton School Children Planting a Tree in Jessie Shepard's Memory



Dalton's Picnic Site and "Town Pool"



Birches Along the River



Tax Collector Jessie Wentworth
Town Clerk Sandy York



Dalton's Fire Department



Crushing Operation at the Moore Pit



Crushing Operation at the Moore Pit



Blakeslee's Farm



Maples at the Church

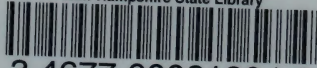


Forest Lake



Shadows Along the River

New Hampshire State Library



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Forest Lake State Park

By Jill Brooks